REMARKS

Claims 16-23, 25-44 and 46-47 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 16, 28, 46 and 47 are amended solely for clarity and are not further narrowed. No new matter is added.

In the Office Action, claims 16-17, 20, 22, 26, 27 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 1,364,188 to Draenert in view of German Patent Publication No. DE 4,207,581A1 to Wanzl. Additionally, claims 19, 21, 25 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Draenert in view of Wanzl. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Each of independent claims 16, 46 and 47 are directed to a toothbrush having an aesthetically pleasing handle. In particular, these claims are directed to a toothbrush having a bristle-carrying front head part and a handle provided with an essentially cylindrical enclosed inner cavity extending over at least part of the length of the handle. The part of the handle that encloses the cavity is at least partially transparent. The elongated article provided for an aesthetic effect is accommodated in the closed cavity, extends in the longitudinal direction of the toothbrush, and is visible at least partially through the transparent part of the handle. The elongated article is in the form of a cylindrical hollow roll having an essentially cylindrical outer surface bearing against an inner wall of the cavity.

None of the applied references teach or suggest such a combination of features.

Draenert discloses a toothbrush in Figs. 2 and 3 provided with a hollow transparent handle 3.

However, the handle has a rectangular cross-section. Moreover, although flat strips 20 containing advertising matters 21 are provided, these are placed on a front surface of the handle and a face plate 23 is provided over the strips to form a cover (Page 2, lines 27-36 and 42-52). Draenert differs from the recited claims in several respects. First, the cavity in Draenert is substantially rectangular and initially opens in its length on one or more sides.

Second, the strips 20 are in strip form, not in a hollow roll form. Third, the strips 20 do not

respectively driven only upwards to form a conduit of said each collection tank which separately

collects by kind said plurality of treatment solutions separately collect said plurality of treatment

solutions by kind with corresponding said each collection tank.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The substrate treatment apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein a position of the substrate to be treated held on said substrate holding unit is located above

positions of the fences which are not collecting any treatment solution of said plurality of treatment

solutions.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): The substrate treatment apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein:

the plurality of fences are arranged overlapping one another in order, from the fence closer

to the substrate to be treated, in a manner to close the inlets of the plurality of collection tanks; and

said treatment solution collection unit performs collection in order, starting from the

collection tank at a position farther from the substrate to be treated.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): The substrate treatment apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the fence has a tip portion formed to be a reflective face that is curved to reflect the

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treatment solution scattered from the substrate to be treated to lead the treatment solution into the

collection tank selected.

Claim 6 (Original): The substrate treatment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein exhaust

units separately exhausting internal gasses are provided for the collection tanks, respectively.

Claim 7 (Original): The substrate treatment apparatus according to claim 1, wherein drain

units draining the treatment solutions are provided for the collection tanks, respectively.

Claim 8 (Original): The substrate treatment apparatus according to claim 1, further

comprising a cleaning unit cleaning the inside of said collection tanks.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): A substrate treatment method, comprising the steps of:

supplying a plurality of treatment solutions onto a held substrate to be treated while spinning

the substrate; and

when using a treatment solution collection unit having a plurality of collection tanks placed

in a manner to surround a periphery of the substrate to be treated and provided to separately collect

by kind the treatment solutions scattered from the substrate to be treated, to collect the treatment

solution by one of the collection tanks, collecting the treatment solution only by the one of the

collection tanks with inlets of the other tanks closed, and

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wherein said treatment solution collection unit has a plurality of fences which sets each

collection tank in said plurality of correction tanks, and when said plurality of treatment solutions

is collected respectively by corresponding said each collection tank, said plurality of fences is

respectively driven only upwards to form a conduit of said each collection tank which separately

collects by kind said plurality of treatment solutions separately collect said plurality of treatment

solutions by kind with corresponding said each collection tank.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The substrate treatment method according claim 9, wherein

a position of the held substrate to be treated is located above positions of the fences which are not

collecting any treatment solution of said plurality of treatment solutions.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): The substrate treatment method according claim 9, wherein:

the plurality of fences are arranged overlapping one another in order, from the fence closer

to the substrate to be treated, in a manner to close the inlets of the plurality of collection tanks; and

said step of collecting the treatment solution performs collection in order, starting from the

collection tank at a position farther from the substrate to be treated.

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does not teach or suggest securing means comprising rearwardly directed tongues arranged in the form of a circle as recited in dependent claim 36.

Accordingly, claim 36 is allowable for its dependence on independent claim 28 and for the additional features recited therein.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 16-23, 25-44 and 46-47 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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